

Pickett's Charge

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COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Happy Holidays! The 276th Engineer Battalion is now at their mobilization station and West Virginia is here preparing for their mobilization. The Marines 22nd MEU will be next in the hopper starting in January. Lots of training is going on here in months that have typically been down time. With the weather turning colder I want to stress safety. Not just against the cold, but also on the roads and cantonment areas. Also, some people have heard that our Police Force is gone. While we are losing our Police Force in January 2009, we still have the security guards and a police section. We are also working on a Memorandum of Agreement with the Virginia State Police, so be advised you can still be ticketed on post! Drive safely, watch your speed and park in designated areas. To Commanders, if you are experiencing difficulties or issues that you cannot resolve, please come see me in Building 472. I assure you we can work it out. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and we look forward to seeing you at Fort Pickett in the New Year.

COL Wilkinson

CSM:

Composite Risk Management:

Remember that when training on Fort Pickett, or any other installation, FM 100-14 Risk Management dated 23 APR 98 **has been replaced by FM 5-19 Composite Risk Management dated AUG 2006.** As per the new FM, the risk assessment form contained in the old regulation, as well as any locally produced risk assessment forms, are no longer authorized for use and the new DA Form 7566 Composite Risk Management Worksheet dated April 2005 must be utilized.

Other Important Pickett safety information:

- Reflective Gear, either vest or belt, is required for *All Sports Activities* on roads during hours of limited visibility. Road guards are required for formations. Respect unit formation off limits areas, primarily Military Rd and Garnett Ave.
- Bicycle helmet and vest or belt are required for bicycling on post.
- No cell phone use while driving unless using a hands free device.
- Use of head/earphones is *Prohibited* while walking, jogging, skating, bicycling, or driving on Pickett roads.
- Run, walk, jog *Against* traffic on roads, bicycle and skate *With* traffic on roads.

NCO Responsibility

NCO(s) are responsible to take care of individual soldiers needs including retention and recruiting. Encourage all soldiers to recruit; use GRAP to solicit leads at:

www.guarecruitingassistant.com



Safety

The new fiscal year continues to bring many changes to the military and the world in which we live. Reorganization means new leadership and soldiers in unfamiliar military occupational skills, equipment and places. The leadership must make safety "number one" as your training year starts with new objectives and goals. The Maneuver Training Center at Fort Pickett encourages you to: "Think SAFETY" all the time. Buckle

up and drive defensively! Make "ON-THE- SPOT- CORRECTIONS." Do not wait until the AAR.

CSM

DOL:

Always refer to the Fort Pickett website and use the most current site request form.

Reminder: The DOL does not operate a TMP.

Ammunition The ASP will be closed for inventory 1-4 December 2008. REMINDER!! All ammo draws and turn-ins require an appointment. Any changes or additions to your scheduled appointments require 24 hour notice. Units should obtain a copy of Fort Pickett's external SOP for ammunition by contacting the ASP. The next scheduled dates for the Ammunition Handlers/Drivers Course are 18-19 Dec 08 (Full), 7-8 Mar 09 (Full), 16-17 May 09 and 10-11 Sep 09. Register for the Ammunition Course by calling SFC Arnold at (434) 292-2468 or Mr. Sam Sanders at (434) 292-8532.

Troop Support Branch Facilities are issued and returned at building 311 along with linen support. **All organizations must schedule an appointment for issue and turn-in of facilities and all facilities will be cleaned prior to turn-in.** Reminder, units are responsible for providing cleaning supplies required for maintaining our facilities at the established level of cleanliness. The Central Vehicle Wash Rack will be closed for the winter effective 7 November 2008 and will reopen in the spring of 2009. For every commodity you get from DOL such as linen, barracks or dining facilities you will need a signature card and assumption of command orders. A qualified Food Service Soldier is required to draw and turn-in Dining Facilities. Linen

draw is a morale booster and units are encouraged to use it for their soldiers comfort. Clearance procedures are clearly specified in *ARNG-MTC SOP 700, Procedures for Checking In and Out*. The SOP is available on the Ft. Pickett Website. Units on AT status are required to cut the grass within 20 feet of all facilities. Mr. Oliver at 434-292-2314 in building 311 is the POC for lawn care equipment.

Customer Service The Customer Service Section is located in building 309. They are responsible for billing, scheduling of facilities, chemical toilets and communication requirements.

Communications The DOL will assist units in the coordination of telephone and computer net access requirements with the DOIM representatives. Internet access (not RCAS) is available for a fee. *You must contact the Customer Service Section at least two weeks in advance of your arrival to schedule service.* If you want RCAS connectivity you must state that on your request, otherwise you will have just net access. Mobile Satellite internet access is also available from a vendor on a fee for service basis.

Chemical Toilet Support Units are required to give a 72 hour notice for chemical toilets or to have them serviced. This includes ordering, placing, moving, or cleaning. All these actions must go through the DOL to the vendor. *Units are required to coordinate with Customer Service in building 309 prior to the main body arriving, no less than 72 hours prior to your requirement.* At the end of the training period the person on the signature card will sign the bill stating that all services were received. The DOL will forward the invoice to the resource manager and ultimately to the unit for payment. All questions about building assignments, communications or chemical toilets should be directed to SSG Easter at (434) 292-2301, Mr. Walker at (434) 292-2484 or SFC Earp at (434) 292-2948.

Fuel Operations Fuel keys are issued (Bldg 142) by SGT Rodriguez or SPC Rodriguez at (434) 292-8509. For bulk fuel issues (units/individuals)

drawing 200 gallons or more), an appointment is required and will be scheduled for pickup between 0730-1500 hours. The POC is SGT Price at (434) 292-8329 or SGT White at (434) 292-8547. During the next few weeks Garnett Ave will be closed for resurfacing. Access to the POL Station 1 will be through the back gate or, when possible, by crossing the gravel lot from Armistead Ave.

Chapel: The Chapel (Bldg. 2601) is located next to the Post Theater and is available for religious services. Keys for the Chapel are issued (Bldg 309) from Customer Service.

MAJ Potter

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DPW:

Ask all to help conserve energy on post by:

1. **Checking for leaking faucets**
2. **Ensuring windows and doors are secured tightly**
3. **Thermostats are set back after hours**

DPW Work Order Desk will require a Delegation of Authority (DA Form 1687) to be on file from each training unit and Director on Fort Pickett. The persons authorized on the 1687 will be the only ones who can request services or submitted work orders to the DPW Work Order Desk. This is to eliminate duplication of work orders, insure the problem is corrected as soon as possible, and also insuring that Directors on Fort Pickett are aware of work that is being requested from their areas of responsibility.

For all training units planning to conduct training at Fort Pickett, review the Fort Pickett Regulation 350-1. It covers all issues regarding the use of facilities on post. For the units staying in the billeting area, please obey the parking signs. **Please park in designated areas only. No parking between buildings or on grassy areas, per the Fire Marshall.**

Reminder: The Work Order Desk phone number is x2250.

LTC Bragg

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DPCA:

Fitness Center Lockers are available for a small fee. See Mr. Randy Edmonds to be placed on the list. The Fitness Center is open Mon-Fri 0700-2100 hours and Sat-Sun 1300-2100 hours. **Please no boots or street shoes except on matted areas.**

Post Theatre

Showtimes: Sun-Thurs at 7PM. Fri-Sat at 7PM and 9PM. Closed on Mondays.

Post Exchange (PX)

Winter Hours are in Effect: The PX is open Mon-Sat 1000-1900 and will be closed on Sunday.

Military / Civilian ID Cards

Customer Service hours are between 0700-1700 hours on Tue-Fri. Scheduled Saturdays are available by appointment. Personnel must verify that the information about themselves and their family members is current and accurate in the DEERS database. The ID card section can be reached at (434) 292-2327.

Chaplain: The Chapel (Bldg. 2601) is located next to the Post Theater. All unit chaplains are encouraged to use the facility during training. Additional chaplain support can be requested to MAJ J. D. Moore at (434) 298-6106.

Attention: Please alert DPCA and Command Headquarters should any General Officers arrive to visit Fort Pickett as common courtesy in advance. Flags are available at Post Headquarters, Bldg 472. Phone: (434) 292-2022.

MAJ Bridger

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DPTS:

Unit Training Updates

Range Operations is currently open and operational 24 hours a day 7 days a week with some limited exceptions based on training load. Range Operations will be closed for the Christmas season and New Year's from Monday, December 22nd – Friday, January 1st. Range Operations will re-open on Friday, January 2nd. Range Operations would like to remind units that the Range Safety Briefing, required in order to be an OIC or Safety Officer on a range or in the maneuver training areas, is conducted on a walk in basis at 1000 and 1400 hours daily Monday through Friday, and is also available at other

times with prior coordination with Range Operations at (434) 292-8334/2227.

The Troop Medical Clinic (TMC) (Bldg 1692) is currently closed. The TMC, when operational, is primarily for use by Guard and Reserve soldiers for sick call and minor injuries.

Daily Training Coordination Meeting

Units training on post within 48 hours are required to have a representative attend the Daily Coordination Meeting that is held Mon-Fri at 0830 hours at Range Operations (Bldg 3001). Units must attend this meeting 48 hours prior to their scheduled training event or make coordination with the Scheduling Office to be absent but with a confirmed schedule. Units must also “lock-in” operator times for automated ranges at this time. **Failure to comply with these standards will result in cancellation of the facility for the unit.** POC for this is the DPTS Range Manager CPT Gravely at (434) 292-2697 or DPTS Operations Sergeant MSG Horton at (434) 292-2676.

Fort Pickett Website:

Ft. Pickett’s official web site is www.fortpickett.net. All of FT Pickett’s regulations, contact information, Request for Training Support form, and Map Order form, can be found on this web site. E-mail address for submitting a Request for Training Support form is rangepickett@fortpickett.net

MAP Products:

Current standard 1:50,000 scale military maps of Fort Pickett, and other Pickett and SMR map products, are available from the DPTS GIS Mapping office located in the DPTS/Range Operations building, BLDG 3001. The Map Order Form is available at www.fortpickett.net. Questions regarding normal services offered by the mapping office can be directed to Ms. Labrie at (434) 292-2584 or the DPTS Operations Officer at (434) 292-8390.

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Camp Pendleton State Military Reservation (SMR):

SMR is the perfect location to conduct numerous training events to include TOC EX(s), EST 2000, Distance Learning, planning meetings, or to just get away and spend the weekend in Virginia Beach without having to pay Virginia Beach prices for lodging. POC for training is SMR Operations at (757) 493-3121, and lodging is at (757) 493-3127.

CPT Austin

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Post Hours/Information

PX (AAFES) – Bldg. 2204,
(24-hr ATM) (Mon.-Sat. 1000-1900)
(Closed Sun)

Post Theater – Bldg. 2480
Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs at 7PM
Fri and Sat at 7PM and 9PM. Closed on Mondays.

Fitness Center – Bldg. 1613,
(Mon.-Fri) 0700-2100, except holidays
(Sat-Sun) 1300-2100 (Military & Ft.
Pickett employees FREE)

Barber Shop – Bldg. 2204,
(Wed-Thurs 1000–1700, Cost \$9.10)

Leisure Center – Bldg. 2403

Fort Pickett Phone Numbers:

MTC Cdr 292-2722
MTC CSM 292-2560
DPCA 292-2022
DPT 292-8605
DOL 292-8403
DPW 292-8303, 2144, 2664
Billeting 292-2443
Telephone Repair 298-6138 or 292-2020
Ft. Pickett Police Dept 292-8444
Post Locator 292-8621
Range Officer 292-2105

SMR Phone Numbers:

SMR Receptionist 757-493-3122
SMR Billeting 757-493-3125, 26, 27
SMR Operations 757-493-3121
Submissions/suggestions for the “Pickett’s Charge” can be sent to MAJ Bridger at randy.bridger@us.army.mil